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SUBJ: COPPER: FOLLOW-UP TO FOURTH PREPARATORY MEETING

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1. ACTING CHIEF ECON SECTION MET AM AUG 29 WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS GUILLERMO FERNANDEZ CORNEJO, DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, AND JUAN LUIS REUS, CHIEF, BASIC PRODUCTS OFFICE, TO EXPLORE REASONS BEHIND INCONSISTENCY IN PERUVIAN DELEGATION INSTRUCTIONS (REF A) AND PERFORMANCE. FERNANDEZ CORNEJO CONFIRMED THAT MINISTRY HAD INDEED INSTRUCTED ITS GENEVA DELEGATION ALONG LINES REF A, PROVIDING PERU DEL WITH FLEXIBILITY TO REACH AGREEMENT ON ESTABLISHMENT OF PRODUCER-CONSUMER FORUM. ACCORDING TO FERNANDEZ, INSTRUCTIONS WERE CONDITIONED ON WILLINGNESS OF INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES TO DEMONSTRATE FLEXIBILITY ON ISSUE OF PCF'S LINK TO UNCTAD AND ITS PERIOD OF EXISTENCE. HOWEVER, IN CONSULTATIONS PRIOR TO AND DURING FOURTH PREPARATORY MEETING LDC'S

DEVELOPED CONSENSUS VIEW THAT INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES HAD NOT SHOWN SUFFICIENT FLEXIBILITY. WHEN ECON OFF ASKED FOR SPECIFIC ACTIONS BY DC'S WHICH MAY HAVE CAUSED THIS IMPRESSION, FERNANDEZ
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STATED THAT MORE THAN SPECIFIC ACTIONS, GENERAL ATTITUDE REFLECTED BY DC'S GENEVA DELEGATIONS IN WEEKS PRECEDING MEETING WAS CONTRIBUTING FACTOR. HE CLAIMED THAT THROUGHOUT THIS PERIOD LDC'S FORMED GROWING BELIEF THAT INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES ARE USING ESTABLISHMENT OF PCF AS TACTIC TO FORESTALL ANY PROGRESS TOWARD

EVENTUAL AGREEMENT ON INTEGRATED PROGRAM. HE SAID THIS BELIEF

WAS REINFORCED DURING PREPARATORY MEETING.

2. COMMENT: DURING COURSE OF CONVERSATION FERNANDEZ NOTED THAT MINISTRY FREQUENTLY DEFERS TO VIEWS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF PERUVIAN GENEVA MISSION ON INTEGRATED PROGRAM AND OTHER ISSUES. THUS, HE INDICATED, MISSION HAS LATITUDE TO USE FLEXIBILITY GRANTED IT BY MINISTRY ON CERTAIN SUBJECTS. IN THIS CASE, FOR EXAMPLE, FLEXIBILITY TO REACH AGREEMENT ON ESTABLISHMENT OF PCF ALSO WAS SUFFICIENT TO PERMIT PERU DEL TO MOVE IN OPPOSITE DIRECTION WHEN IT BELIEVED CIRCUMSTANCES WARRANTED. AS DEPARTMENT AND USMISSION GENEVA AWARE MOST FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS WHO ISSUE INSTRUCTIONS TO PERU'S GENEVA MISSION ARE EITHER COLLEAGUES OR EX-SUBORDINATES OF ARIAS-SCHREIBER (MOSTLY THE LATTER). THOSE WHO DO NOT SHARE HIS VIEWS ON THE INTEGRATED PROGRAM (IF THERE ARE ANY) ARE JUNIOR TO HIM. CONSEQUENTLY IT IS NOT SURPRISING THAT HE (AND THE PERUVIAN MISSION) ACTS IN SUCH AN INDEPENDENT MANNER. THE LIKELIHOOD IS FOR MORE OF THE SAME. SHLAUDEMAM

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